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SUBJ: INDIAN PERM REP'S SUMMING UP OF 30TH G.A.

1. AS A PARTING THOUGHT, I WOULD CALL THE ATTENTION OF THE DEPARTMENT TO A PARAGRAPH IN THE REPORT OF THE INDIAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS TO NEW DELHI SUMMING UP THE THIRTIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

QTE: THE 30TH G.A. WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR THE NUMBER AND VARIETY OF CONTROVERSIAL QUESTIONS THAT CONVERTED THE SO-CALLED TYRANNY OF THE MAJORITY OF THE 29TH G.A. INTO THE CONFUSION OF THE MAJORITY CAUSED BY AN UNPRECEDENTED SLINTERING OF THE VARIOUS GROUPS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE RESOLUTION ON ZIONISM SPLIT THE AFRICAN GROUP INTO ISLAMIC AND NON-ISLAMIC ELEMENTS. THE CYPRUS ISSUE SAW TURKEY IN ISOLATION WITH THE ISLAMIC STATES EITHER VOTING AGAINST TURKEY, OR ABSTAINING. THE KOREAN QUESTION DIVIDED ALL GROUPS ALONG IDEOLOGICAL LINES, WITH SEVERAL STATES ABSTAINING. SPANISH SAHARA SPLIT THE ARABS AND AFRICANS; PORTUGUESE TIMOR AND THE ASIAN GROUP; AND BELIZE THE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP. THE ANGOLA ISSUE CAME UP INDIRECTLY AND FOUND THE AFRICANS IN DISARRAY, WITH SOME EVEN JUSTIFYING SOUTH AFRICAN INTERVENTION* ON THE MIDDLE EAST AND PALESTINE QUESTIONS THE WEST EUROPEANS WERE DIVIDED. END QTE.

2. IN OTHER WORDS, AMBASSADOR JAIPAL'S PERCEPTION OF THE "CONFUSION OF THE MAJORITY" IS VERY LIKE THAT WHICH WE
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REPORTED IN OUR SUMMING UP CABLE OF JANUARY 23.

3. I WOULD ALSO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE LESS THAN FRIENDLY COMMENTS ABOUT ME IN PARAGRAPHS 19 AND 20. I AM ACCUSED OF ADVOCATING "UNFETTERED HUMAN RIGHTS". IT IS SAID THAT I PROCEED ON "THE WRONG PREMISE THAT THE UN CHARTER ASSUMES THAT THE MAJORITY OF MEMBER STATES WOULD HAVE REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS." I PROPOSED AMNESTY FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS. NOW THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT JAIPAL AND I GOT ON WELL ENOUGH DURING THE ASSEMBLY. I MADE NO EFFORT TO DISPLEASE HIM. BUT NEITHER DID I DISGUISE MY DISMAY AT WHAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS DOING TO THE INDIAN DEMOCRACY. I MADE CLEAR THAT INDIA WAS LOSING A MORAL POSITION OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO IT -- BECAUSE IT WAS IMPORTANT TO US, AND DEMOCRACIES LIKE US. ONE RESULT WAS THAT INDIA WAS FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES SILENT THROUGHOUT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

4. IT SEEMS TO ME WE HAVE ONLY BEGUN TO PERCEIVE THE POTENTIAL OF OUR MAKING MORE SALIENT ISSUES OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND POLITICAL DEMOCRACY WITH THOSE NATIONS THAT HAVE ABANDONED THOSE FORMS WHICH PROCLAIM THOSE VIRTUES BUT HAVE LONG CEASED TO PRACTICE THEM. IT IS GOOD FOR US, AND IN THE END WILL BE GOOD FOR THEM ALSO.

WARM REGARDS AND FAREWELL.
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